

WILLIE STEVENS TO FACE TRIAL FIRST; HALL PERJURY INDICTMENTS SOUGHT

Widow and Three Of Kin Arraigned For Murder Plea

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 17.—With arraignment for pleading of the four persons indicted for the Hall-Mills murder at hand, arrangements were going forward this afternoon for the first of the trials—that of Willie Stevens, the owlish man with the brain of a child.

At the same time, Special Prosecutor Alexander Simpson and his associates were preparing to lay evidence of perjury before the holdover April grand jury, summoned to appear Monday morning, and as a result at least four witnesses may be indicted.

Inspector John J. Underhill and the police under him went ahead with the interrogation of persons who have been reported as being near the Phillips farm the night of the murders, and of having information bearing upon them.

Mystery Chauffeur Called

According to reports, one of these is the mysterious New Brunswick chauffeur, whom the authorities have designated as "A. L." It is said he has been summoned to appear before the inspector, who has learned he was near the death scene a few minutes before the minister and the choir singer were shot and killed.

Considerable importance is attached to the examination of Mrs. Minna Clark, who, it has been testified, co-operated with Ralph V. Gorsline, vestryman, in shadowing the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, wife of the church sexton.

The special prosecutor is anxious to learn where she obtained a

Flowers for Henry Carpender



MRS. HENRY CARPENDER (above), wife of Henry Carpender, who, with three others of his family, is accused of murdering Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills, visited the Somerset county jail where he is held and brought him flowers to cheer him up. (Photo Graphic.)

Cops Raid \$750,000 Still Hidden in Ashcan Factory

A distilling plant filled with equipment worth \$750,000 and capable of turning out 4,000 gallons of alcohol daily was discovered by detectives of Inspector Shelby's squad in a raid today on a three-story brick factory building at 245 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn.

The police, who made no arrests at the scene, reached the plant on the third floor after tearing down a brick wall and going through a trap door.

Yesterday afternoon investigators noticed a truck draw away

from the front of the building and trailed it in another car. At 9th Street and Kent Avenue the driver passed a street car to the left and the pursuing cops seized the opportunity to halt the truck and search it, despite the driver's insistence that it carried "just kerosene."

Alcohol in Truck

They found forty drums of alcohol. The driver, who said he was Harry Rubenstein, 59 West 65th St., Manhattan, an employee of the H. and R. Trucking Company, will be arraigned in Federal Court, Brooklyn, today on a charge of transporting alcohol.

The first floor of the factory, according to police, was fitted with machinery for manufacturing ash cans.

WINS ALIMONY

Vice Chancellor Alonzo Church in the Chancery Court in Newark decided that Isabella K. Prokofieff of 88 North Arlington Ave., East Orange, N. J., was entitled to a divorce and \$37.50 weekly alimony from Ivan M. Prokofieff.

Englishman Beats Trudy's Channel Time, Wins \$5,000

LONDON, Sept. 17 (By U. P.).—Norman Derham, an Englishman, completed a swim across the English Channel today and won \$5,000 offered by Lord Riddell, owner of the News of the World, for any citizen of Great Britain who could better Gertrude Ederle's time for the crossing.

Derham came ashore at St. Margaret's Bay, near Dover, at 10.57 a. m. today, 13 hours and 56 minutes after entering the water at Cape Gris Nez, France. Miss Ederle's time on August 6 was 14 hours, 31 minutes.

Several witnesses accompanied Derham across the channel on a Folkestone motor trawler. He refused a drink when he came ashore.

A large crowd welcomed the first Englishman to swim the channel since B.H. Burgess made the crossing in 1911. Derham asked for a cigarette while the crowd cheered and then went to the village inn.

Today's was Derham's third attempt this season. He entered the water at 9.01 last night, and his effort was vouched for by the News when that paper announced that he had won the prize offered immediately after Miss Ederle triumphed.

Twenty-one swimmers have challenged the Channel this season. Five were successful, two being American women.

Ten persons have swum the

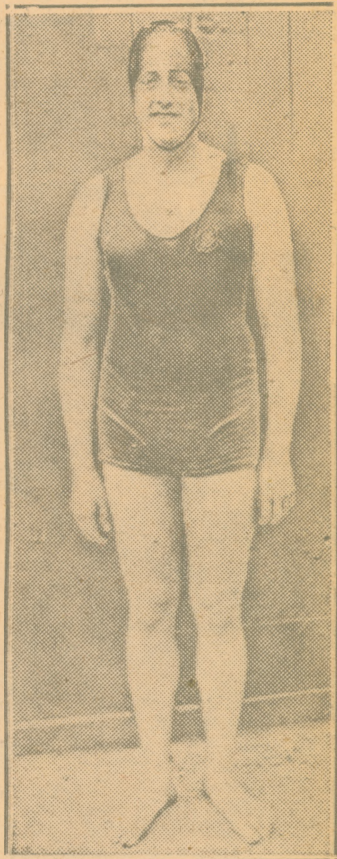
Channel since 1875.

Derham was the third Englishman to swim the Channel, the others being Capt. Webb and Bill Burgess.

Miss Ederle was the first across in 1926, and established a record. Then Mrs. Clemington Corson, also of New York, swam the distance.

Ernest Vierkotter, a German, lowered Miss Ederle's record in August, and a few days later Georges Michel, a Frenchman, established the present mark of 11 hours and 6 minutes.

He Swims Channel



NORMAN DERHAM

Girl, 14, Takes \$20, Runs Away to N. Y.; Found in Hotel

Josephine Starallato, 14, demure and pretty, looked out of the window of her home at 405 2d St., Troy, Wednesday.

"Pshaw," she said, "nothing to see but the pesky old railroad tracks and the collar factories."

In her mother's bureau she knew there was a \$20 bill.

Registered as "Betty Brown," Josephine was found today in the Hotel Athens, at 56 East 42d St. "I wanted to be an actress," she explained.

She was sent to the Children's Court pending the arrival of her parents.

"Mamma will hug and kiss me," she said complacently, "but I guess Papa will spank. But I'll be glad to get back, at that."

Thieves Get \$15,000 Gems In Home as Owner Sleeps

Jewelry valued at \$15,000 was stolen early this morning from the apartment of Robert Bloomenthal, 930 Park Ave., while Bloomenthal, members of his family, and servants, were asleep.

THE WEATHER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1926



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST
LOCAL—Fair and slightly cooler tonight; Saturday, fair; diminishing northeast winds.
EASTERN NEW YORK—Fair tonight and Saturday; slightly cooler in south portion tonight; rising temperature on Saturday in north and central portions; diminishing northeast and north winds.
Hour. Temp. Weath. Barom. Wind.
Midnight... 70 Cloudy 30.02 NW 12
2 a. m. ... 70 Cloudy 30.03 N. 10
4 a. m. ... 68 Cloudy 30.04 E. 10
6 a. m. ... 65 Cloudy 30.08 NE 16
8 a. m. ... 66 Cloudy 30.12 NE 14
10 a. m. ... 65 Cloudy 30.13 NE 14

The burglars, who left no clues to their identity, gained entrance through a bathroom window which opens on a fire escape.

Bloomenthal, a wealthy button manufacturer, is head of the firm of Benjamin Bloomenthal & Co., 353 4th Ave.

HUBBY CALLS IN POLICE WHEN WIFE BREWS BEER

PORT HURON, MICH.—Claude Mater objected so strenuously to his wife's habit of brewing beer in their home that he called in the police. She paid a \$100 fine in municipal court when she admitted making beer.



Senator Simpson Ralph Gorsline

bundle of letters she is alleged to have shown her cousin, Mary Demarest, the day preceding the killings. At the time, Mrs. Clark is said to have characterized them as "Dr. Hall's personal letters."

Barbara Tough Faces Quiz

Another scheduled to be interrogated is Barbara Tough, upstairs maid in the Hall home, who

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Cut Hole Through Ceiling, Steal \$10,000 in Furs

Spooner & Kreisworth, fur manufacturers, occupying the fourth floor of 116 West 29th St., were robbed last night of furs valued at \$10,000. A hole had been cut in the floor of the loft above, occupied by Kaplan & Cohen, through which the robbers dropped.

The thieves left no clues. Mystery surrounds the means of

entrance into the Kaplan & Cohen offices, as none of the doors or windows were forced. Police assume the robbers must have hid themselves when the firm closed up last night.

Kaplan & Cohen were having installed an electric protective system, but it had not yet been completed. Spooner & Kreisworth had the system on their doors and windows, but not on the ceiling.

Clearing House (Official figures)

Exchanges \$976,000,000
Balances 139,000,000
Credit balance.. 131,000,000